

will hereafter be punctual in paying the same to Your Ldps Order & I shall
what Your Ldp is pleased to write, with regard to a good Living being presented
for the Benefit of Your Ldps Friend Mr Allen of Oxford & shall not fail to
give Your Ldp the earliest Notice thereof when Any of considerable Value
shall become vacant but as the bestowing a Living here on a Clergyman resident
in England leaving it to him to send hither a Curate to officiate in his stead
is a new Measure, might perhaps if known here be deemed contrary to the
Spirit of the Acts of Assembly that provide for the Clergymens Maintenance
Your Ldp will I hope excuse me for intimating how necessary it will be
that the Curate so to be appointed be a Person of approved Honour, otherwise
he might refuse to pay his Rector according to stipulation & raise an Outcry
in the Province that might not be easily silenced; at least I am satisfied that
many of the Clergymen now in the Province would if so circumstanced behave
in that manner. Was Mr Allen to come hither & personally take Possession
of the Living no Objection could be made to his Returning to England as
soon afterwards as he pleased leaving a Curate to officiate during his Absence;
but the Question is how he will become possessed of a Living here as a Freehold
without ever appearing in the Province to take Possession. There are at this time
three Parishes vacant of at least £200 ff a Year each, & three or four others of
less Value & as the present Incumbents in two Parishes of the Yearly Value of
£250 are very old, inform I doubt not but One or other of these will soon
become vacant. If Your Ldp approves thereof I should be glad to have Leave
after reserving the best for Mr Allen to prefer to the others such Clergymen as
are deserving & have at present but small Livings & in particular the Rev^d Mr
Theener Mr Neal Mr West Mr Beade in whose favour I have hitherto writ
either to Your Ldp or Your Ldps Secretary. Inclosed Your Ldp will receive the
Firsts of two Letts of Exchange for the Sum of £4000⁰ being in part for another
Tenement of 104^a in Collington & Mannour as Your Ldp will see by the Account
accompanying them. On the 24 of last Month Mr Dulany Mr Jordan & I went
over to Thont in order to sell the Mannour in that County but no One would
purchase because We could not produce Copies of the Settlements said to have
been made by Your Ldps Ancestors. such Copies ~~was~~ however were received.

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